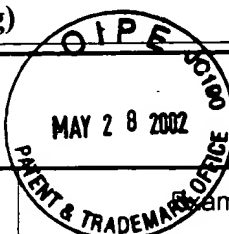


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2002. Please amend the patent application as set forth below. Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 36 and 37 to read as follows:

36. (Amended) A method of flowing fluid through a peritoneal dialysis catheter comprising the steps of:

flowing fluid into a first lumen at a proximal end of the peritoneal dialysis catheter;

flowing the fluid in the first lumen to a curved path of the first lumen;

flowing the fluid in the curved path through a fluid opening in the curved path and out of the peritoneal dialysis catheter;

flowing the fluid which exited the peritoneal dialysis catheter from the opening in the curved path into a second lumen at a distal end of the peritoneal dialysis catheter; and

flowing the fluid in the second lumen to a fluid opening at the proximal end of the peritoneal dialysis and out of the peritoneal dialysis catheter.